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29 June 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, DPD-DD/P

SUBJECT : C-123B Aircraft Capabilities

REFERENCE : Proposed Memorandum, DPD-3638-61, Subject as above

1. Per your verbal request is an attachment which without profound study attempts to portray the pros and cons as to the C-123B capabilities as well as limitations.


2. It is the opinion of this Staff that any paper going forward to the Deputy Director, Plans which does not portray the shortcomings as well as the advantages, may ultimately find DPD in an untenable situation as a result of a decision committing this Division to an aircraft for operational use in remote areas that cannot be adequately supported. As you are aware, actions have been taken in the past on one-sided information with which this Division has had to live.

3. It is recommended that a more thorough evaluation of this aircraft's overall capabilities, vis-a-vis outstanding maintenance limitations, be accomplished. This Staff would then propose to combine the operational and maintenance aspects into one paper containing the Division's recommendation with respect to its utilization. It is anticipated that two weeks from the date of your approval along these lines would be required to prepare the above mentioned paper for your signature.

4. In the event data on the operational capabilities of the aircraft is an immediate requirement, it would then be recommended that paragraph six of reference be stricken and the following substituted:

"The foregoing information merely outlines the technical capabilities of the aircraft and in no way evaluates the aircraft as to its ultimate suitability from a maintenance point of view operating under forward area operating conditions."

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